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SUBJECT: SADDAM HUSSEIN VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA

REF: FBIS 151731Z APR 76 (NOTAL)

1. IRAQI RCC VICE CHAIRMAN SADDAM HUSSEIN CONCLUDED A THREE-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE KINGDOM THURSDAY, APRIL 15. HIS RECEPTION WAS CORDIAL AND ELABORATE, WITH EXTENSIVE MEDIA COVERAGE ON HIS MEETINGS WITH THE KING, CROWN PRINCE, AND OTHER HIGH-RANKING SAUDI OFFICIALS.

2. ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NO JOINT COMMUNIQUE, HUSSEIN HELD A NEWS CONFERENCE THE LAST DAY OF HIS VISIT WHOSE MAIN POINTS WERE COVERED BY FBIS (REF) WITH ONE SIGNIFICANT EXCEPTION. OMITTED WAS A QUESTION TO HUSSEIN ABOUT IRAQI-SYRIAN RELATIONS. HUSSEIN DESCRIBED THEM AS "BAD." TWO EXAMPLES OF THEIR MUTUAL ANTAGONISM CITED WERE SYRIA'S REFUSAL TO TRANSPORT NATIONALIZED IRAQI OIL ACROSS ITS TERRITORY AND SYRIA'S IMPEDING THE FLOW OF THE DUPHRATES WITH ITS NEW DAM. WHILE THESE UNCLASSIFIED

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